

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2292 - SB 2277

March 17, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Health to promulgate rules and regulations that establish minimum standards for conducting and completing an investigation, including an autopsy, into the sudden, unexplained death of any child from birth to age 17. Permits the Department to reimburse county governments for the full cost of autopsies performed for an investigation into a sudden, unexplained child death.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$161,800 Reflected in Governor's
2005-06 Recommended Budget**

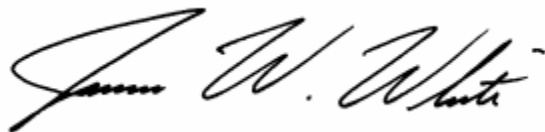
Decrease Local Govt. Expenditures - \$99,300

Assumptions:

- The State Medical Examiner estimates there are approximately 50 children who die suddenly and unexpectedly who are not autopsied.
- The Department of Health would reimburse counties for 165 autopsies per year at full price of \$1,250 per autopsy totaling \$206,250.
- The Department currently reimburses counties \$44,450 per year for child autopsies. \$500 per autopsy for 70 SIDS autopsies totaling \$35,000 a year and \$210 per autopsy for 45 other child autopsies totaling \$9,450.
- Counties pay \$750 per SIDS autopsy and \$1,040 for other child autopsies totaling \$99,300 which would be reimbursed by the Department.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director